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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM WINDHOEK, POLICE HAVE
DETAINED THREE "TRAINED GUERRILLAS" AND A "SWAPO SUPPORTER"
IN CONNECTION WITH THE SABOTAGE OF A TRAIN ON THE LINE
BETWEEN WINDHOEK AND WALVIS BAY LAST MONTH (PRETORIA 3501).
THE POLICE REPORTEDLY SEIZED RUSSIAN-MADE AK-47 WEAPONS,
EXPLOSIVES, HAND GRENADES AND SMALL LAND MINES WHEN THEY
ARRESTED THE MEN.

2. THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF WINDHOEK, BISHOP KOPPMAN,
IN A STATEMENT RELEASED ON JULY 17 DESCRIBED THE EXPULSION
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OF FATHER HEINZ HUNKE AND THE VICAR GENERAL OF THE ANGLICAN
CHURCH, ED MORROW AND HIS WIFE (PRETORIA 4008) AS "DICTATORIAL
AND UNDEMOCRATIC." ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS,
KOPPMAN SAID "THE FREE WORLD, ESPECIALLY THE FIVE
WESTERN POWERS, WILL ASK THEMSELVES 'IS THIS THE FIRST
RESULT OF OUR EFFORTS TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO
THE PROBLEMS OF THE TERRITORY'." GERMAN AMBASSADOR EICK

INFORMED US YESTERDAY, JULY 17, THAT HIS OFFICE HAD FOLLOWED UP WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY VAN DALSEN THE RESULTS OF HIS (EICK'S) AND BRITISH AMBASSADOR SIR DAVID SCOTT'S REPRESENTATION TO THE DFA LAST WEEK ON THE EXPULSION ORDERS. VAN DALSEN REPORTED THAT HE HAD INFORMED THE FOREIGN MINISTER WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL STEYN PRESENT, OF THE APPROACHES ON THE SUBJECT. VAN DALSEN SAID HE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT BACK.

3. MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TO SABC-TV, JULY 17, MORE THAN HALF OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN NAMIBIA HAVE REGISTERED IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN.
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